

Personal Communication Devices

Students may use and possess personal communication devices on district grounds subject to the following:

1. Personal communication devices shall not be used in a manner that disrupts the educational process, school programs or activities, or in a manner that violates law, Board policy, administrative regulation or school rules;
2. Cellular telephones and pagers shall be turned off during instructional or class time or at any other time where such use of the device would cause a disruption of school activities;
3. At no time will any personal communication device which allows for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the Internet be allowed to be used for such purposes while on district property or while the student is engaged in school-sponsored activities;
4. Cellular telephones which have the capability to take “photographs” or “moving pictures” shall not be used for such purposes while on district property or at school-sponsored events unless as expressly authorized in advance by the building principal or designee;
5. The district shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal communication devices brought to district property or school-sponsored events;
6. Personal communication devices must not be displayed in plain view during prohibited times of use;
7. Personal communication devices such as Palm Pilots, personal digital assistants (PDAs) and laptop computers brought to school will be restricted to classroom or instructional-related activities only;
8. The use of personal communication devices in any way to send or receive messages, data or information that would pose a threat to academic integrity, contribute to or constitute academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited;
9. The use of personal communication devices in any manner that would violate the confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual is strictly prohibited;
10. Students shall comply with any additional school rules as established by the building principal and classroom rules as approved by the building principal concerning the appropriate use of personal communication devices;
11. Personal communication devices used in violation of law, Board policy, administrative regulation or approved school rules will be confiscated, turned in to the school office and returned to the student or parent following parent notification, conference, detention, suspension, expulsion and/or referral to law enforcement officials as appropriate.